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Reflections



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
And Preschool

Weekly Newsletter - July 1/2, 2017

~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Scripture	Bible Lesson
July 2	Matthew 28:1-10	The Resurrection of Jesus
July 9	John 20:1-18	The Empty Tomb
July 16	No Class—UKANDU Mission Presentation	
July 23	Luke 24:13-35	Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road
July 30	John 20:19-31	Jesus Appears to Thomas
August 6	John 21:1-19	Jesus Appears in Galilee
August 13	Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53	Jesus Ascends Into Heaven
August 20	No Class—Worship in the Park	
August 27	Revelation 21-22	John's Vision of Heaven
September 3	No Class—Labor Day Weekend	
September 10	Rally Day – 1st day of regular school year Sunday School	



I want to invite everyone from Our Redeemer Lutheran to my ordination and installation at First

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, Minnesota. There will also be a dinner to follow.

Date: Sunday, July 9
Time: 4 p.m.
Place: First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Glencoe, Minnesota

~Peter Adelsen

I Love To Tell The Story



9:30 Sanctuary ALL AGES for Opening with Pastor/Vicar

Hymn Sing

9:40-10:15 Separate for Bible Study

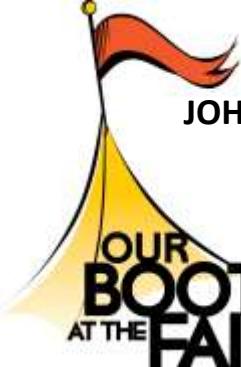
Adult, High School, Confirmation & Toddlin'-5th grade

Toddlin'-5th grade needs a single teacher for each week. The lessons are simple and you can share the story in a fun way!

Let Marnie know that you can help for ONE Sunday.

Contact: Marnie Schrader, mvschrader@icloud.com

OUR REDEEMER OUTREACH BOOTH



JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR

July 24-27, 2017

OUR BOOTH AT THE FAIR

Now is the prime time to sign up to work the Our Redeemer fair booth, before time slots begin to fill. Come, work two hour shifts between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Work as many shifts as you would like. Three people per shift is ideal, especially at busy times.

A booth at the fair gives people an opportunity to share the word of Christ, as well as giving information to them about Our Redeemer. It is an opportunity for outreach to the 30,000-50,000 people who attend the Johnson County Fair.

Sign up in the church office today!

Questions? Contact Vicar Wolfgram

319-338-5626 ext. 22

Vicar Scheele's Installation

will take place August 5/6



Our Redeemer Preschool

Hiring Assistant Teacher~~

Our Redeemer is currently accepting applications for the job of Assistant Teacher of its preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. Our desire is to hire a morning, 8:45am—12:15pm, assistant teacher who has experience in early childhood education. If you are interested, need more information or know an LCMS teacher who may be interested, please contact Kaja Mueller, Preschool Director, 319-338-5626 or preschool@ourredeemer.org

Enroll TODAY!

There are discounts for being a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, if you have multiple children in our preschool, or if you refer a new family who enrolls. Scholarship money is available for those who apply. A \$50 deposit and a completed Registration Form are required to enroll. Forms are available in the church office.



CURRENT OPEN SLOTS:

M/W/F = 3, T/Th = 3

Contact preschool@ourredeemer.org or 319-338-3949 for more information.



We're going to Walt Disney World. July 2018

*Join the Hartwig family at Disney for several days of fun.
If interested, talk to Pastor Hartwig. More details in the Fall.*

Our Redeemer Youth 20th Annual Colorado Peach Fundraiser

The orders have been coming in.
Get your order forms in now!

Start licking your lips, dig out your bibs, clean out the canning jars, and get the pie crusts ready!

These hand-picked juicy peaches are back by popular demand. Tell your friends; tell your neighbors!

One box weighs 18-22 pounds, contains 30-40 peaches (\$35).

All proceeds are divided among servant events, confirmation retreats, National Youth Gatherings, and general mission funds.



Order Forms are located in the church office.



2016 July 4 float

Each year Outreach sponsors a float in the Coralville 4th of July parade. Volunteer parade walkers hand out bottles of water labelled with a Christian message. Check to see whether any bottles need labels today!

4th of July Parade Day Help is needed

The signup for walkers is in the church office. On the sign-up sheet please indicate if you will be able to help with the following:

- 1) Decorate at 8:45 am at the McGregor's parking lot
- 2) Help take the plastic and cardboard off the water at approximately 9:30 am
- 3) Walk in the parade

If you need a Christ Cares t-shirt please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

*Any questions, please contact Julie Nieland
(319) 530-1476 or enieland@mchsi.com.*

Coming Saturday, August 26th



Watch for information
We will need people to:
Attend
Bring a friend
Help with music
Help with activities

Faith Fest





Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf is involved in mission work with the deaf in a couple of our partner churches in Africa. Alongside that work, my family is working with schools in those partner churches to provide hands-on resources for education that they normally wouldn't get, specifically LEGOs.

Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Cedar Rapids, is collecting LEGOs to piece together educational kits to send to elementary Lutheran schools in Africa. Please donate before July 30, 2017. We are accepting all LEGO sets and individual pieces – bricks, technic, etc. – we can use whatever you are willing to give! Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Eckert deaflutheran@q.com or 563-359-7105. Donations may be dropped off in the church office. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with kids in Africa!

**VISION
20/20**
Eye on the Future
RENOVATIONS
CONTINUE
What's happening?

Construction on the preschool bathrooms began Monday, June 26. Doorways to a smaller storage area and two bathrooms have been made. Plumbing access was gained through the concrete in the lower hallway.

Monday, July 3 work will begin on Rooms 208/210. Plans are to be able to reach the drywall stage in both areas at the same time.

Projected completion time is three weeks.



Thanksgiving in July is one of the most important times to support The Crisis Center Food Bank with financial or food donations.

When school is out for summer, thousands of children in our community may have to skip meals they are used to getting at school during the year. In fact, *15 percent of children in our community* are considered food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from.

- **\$35 feeds a family of five for one week**
- **\$110 feeds two siblings for two months**
- **\$250 feeds three children lunch everyday this summer**

July - September *Portals of Prayer*
and
Today's Light
available in the narthex

Tempting? Yes!
But good idea? No!

Remember all those hours you or others you know put into the refurbishment of the sanctuary? Let us respect those efforts and our place of worship by not extending our coffee time into the sanctuary. We get in the habit of taking our treats to the fellowship hall where the facilities are made for eating and drinking and forget that is not the purpose of the sanctuary when we meet there for summer Sunday school. Please keep food and beverages in the narthex or the fellowship hall.



**No food
or drink**



Willing to provide special music this summer? It could be singing, alone or with a group, playing an instrument or a combination. Twyla Freeman will work with you to find a weekend. Call Twyla Freeman at 319-530-2371 or email at taf13146@ourredeemer.org.



See the Chihuly Glass exhibit at the Czech and Slovak Museum on August 12. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am for carpool or at the museum at 10:00 am. Lunch will follow. Sign up in the church office. Note time change to coordinate starting times with a tour bus arriving for the exhibit.



FAREWELL & **Godspeed**

to Vicar and Cassie Wolfgram

July 30, 2017

12:00 pm

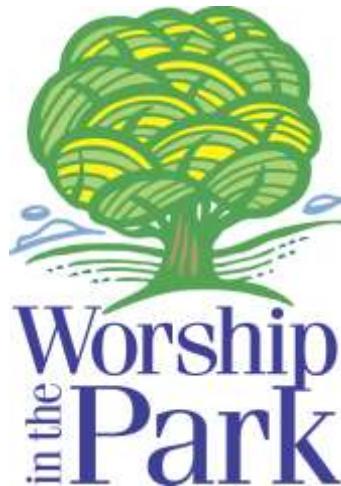
Fellowship Hall

Vicar Wolfgram's time at Our Redeemer is drawing to a close. Let's gather to celebrate his time with us and to wish Cassie and him a fond farewell. Chicken will be provided. Plan to bring a side dish and come wish the Wolfgrams well. July 30 will be their last Sunday here.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER WEARING MY NAME TAG?

Because wearing your name tag helps –

- ◆ others to call you by name
- ◆ you to be known by others
- ◆ the vicar to match a name with a face
- ◆ encourage new members to wear their name tags
- ◆ those who have a hard time remembering names
- ◆ start conversations
- ◆ everyone to get to know each other better
- ◆ to identify those who are members and those who are visiting
- ◆ those who think they know your name, but because you're wearing your name tag, they can be sure of it.



Worship at
Mercer Park

August 20
10:30 am

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC:
Following worship

MERCER PARK

Hosted By: Small Group Ministry

Hot dogs/buns/condiments and table service
provided

Bring a dish to share and drinks

Sign up in the church office.



LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE
Caring for Families in Iowa Since 1901

Did You Know: Unlike some countries where you must worship behind locked doors, we are fortunate to live in a country where we can openly express our religious beliefs. During your Independence Day celebrations this week, remember to pray for our Iowa senators and representatives that they may have the wisdom and boldness to protect life and our religious freedoms. Happy Independence Day!

Lutheran Family Service

(319) 393-1000
LFSiowa.org



Help the Scheeles move
into the vicarage

Arrival expected about
3:00 pm on August 1

Please let the office know if
you can help 338-5626 or
[redeemer@ourredeemer.org](mailto:redemer@ourredeemer.org)

Want to hear about and/or share with others your favorite travel experiences? Come join us on October 15 after the 10:30 service for **"Your Travel Tales."** More information will be given closer to the date, but for now, we just wanted you to be aware of the event so that you could start NOW to gather information on any travels you may be experiencing **this summer.** Save those brochures and keep in mind things to share about your trip. Of course, many of you may already have favorite vacation experiences to share that took place recently or years ago. We're hoping so!

~Assimilation Committee

Anniversary of Rev. Wegener's Ordination



Please join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Thomas C. Wegener on Sunday, July 9th at College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

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| 9:00 am | Divine Service with the rite of Anniversary of an Ordination conducted by Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders who will also serve as the guest preacher. |
| 10:30 am | Presentation by Pres. Saunders on the Office of the Holy Ministry and Ordination |
| 11:30 am | Lunch (Provided by the Wegener family and the members of College Hill Lutheran Church) |
| 1:00 pm | Reception and Program (Greetings and Slide Show with commentary by the Rev. Thomas Wegener) |

An endowment fund for seminary students has been established in honor of Rev. Wegener and his faithful wife, Ruby. Donations may be made payable to "LCMS Foundation" and write "The Thomas & Ruby Wegener Endowment" on the memo line.

We look forward to seeing you! ~ The Wegener Family



Youth Happenings

Summer Schedule

Confirmation

(students in 6th—8th grades
during 2017-2018)



Boating on Coralville Lake

on Sunday, July 9th

Time and more details will be announced via email.

Sign up in the church office if you'll be attending.

Parent volunteers are needed to help.

See Kara if you're available.

High School

(students in 9th—12th grades
during 2017-2018
& recent grads)



Cardboard City

Wed, July 5th at
6:00 pm
until Thurs, July 6th
at 8:00 am

This is an
overnight event.

We will be sleeping outside in cardboard
“houses”.

Cardboard boxes will be provided.

Sign up in the church office if you'll be attending.

High School



UNLEASHED



<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Wednesday, July 12	6:00 pm	Preparation for UKANDU presentation (July 16) & water games
Wednesday, July 19	6:00 pm	AirFX in Hiawatha
Wednesday, July 26	6:00 pm	Trivia Night at Hy-Vee
Sunday, July 30	Follows potluck	Boating on Coralville Lake

OUR REDEEMER OFFICE DIRECTORY

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show “On Main Street” is shown on Public Access Television Channel 18 on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.